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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.,

May 22, 1899.

A. R. Barrett,
No. 42 Coulter Street,
Germantown, Pa.

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Respectfully yours,



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[Signature] George E. Roberts
Director of the Mint.

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Washington, D. C., May 26, 1899

R. Barrett, Esq.,

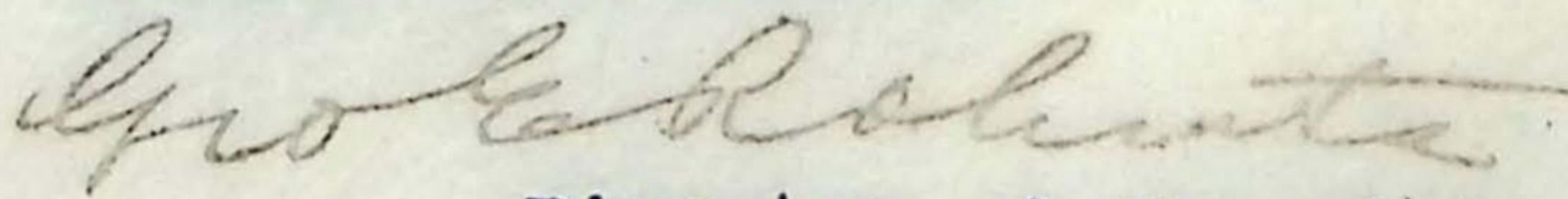
42 W. Coulter Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are respectfully informed that the communication of Mr. F.B. Earhart, special United States District Attorney requesting your employment as an expert in the case of the United States vs. Andrew B. Smyth, late Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans, was forwarded by me to the Secretary of the Treasury with the recommendation that the Department of Justice be requested to employ you as desired by Mr. Earhart, as this Bureau has not a sufficient amount of money available to pay your compensation. Mr. Earhart has been notified of this action.

Respectfully yours,


Director of the Mint.

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., May 31, 1899

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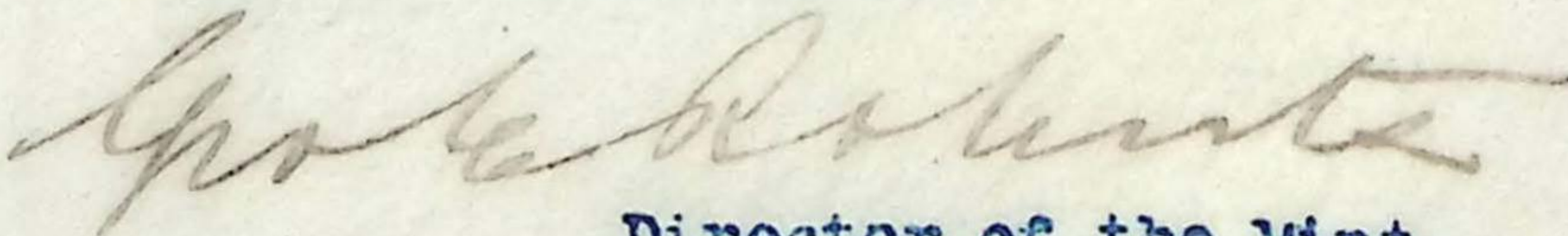
Philadelphia, Pa.

In reply to your letter of the 29th instant, you are respectfully informed that the parties in this city who were summoned by Mr. Earhart have been notified by him not to come to New Orleans until advised by wire.

I will endeavor to ascertain what action the Department of Justice will take as to your employment as an expert.

It is impossible for this office to pay more for your services than heretofore stated.

Respectfully yours,



Director of the Mint.

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